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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE

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SUBJECT: PROGRAM FOR BOTSWANA TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

REF: A) STATE 229546; B) GABORONE 1593; C) PERRY/HOOVER

TELECON 9/18/76

1. SUMMARY: PROGRAM OF EVENTS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF US DEL'S
ATTENDANCE AT TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DEALT WITH BELOW.
END SUMMARY.

2. REFTEL B PROVIDED LIST OF EVENTS WHICH US DELS EXPECTED TO ATTEND.
THIS HAS NOT BEEN AMENDED SOMEWHAT BY ISSUANCE OF REVISED OFFICIAL
PROGRAM. EVENTS ASST. SECY. AND OTHER DESL EXPECTED TO ATTEND ARE:
SEPTEMBER 28, TUESDAY
1800-2000 CIVIC RECEPTION

SEPTEMBER 29, WEDNESDAY
0800-1125 TOUR OF BOTSWANA MEAN COMMISSION WITH PRESIDENT AND
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HEADS OF STATE. ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT KAUNDA. (THESE

EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT LOBTSE, ABOUT ONE HOUR DRIVE FROM GABORONE; THEREFORE, DEPARTURE AT ABOUT 0700 FROM GABORONE).

1230 (APPROX.) LUNCHEON AT TRADE FAIR GROUNDS, HOSTED BY MINISTER OF COMMERCE. (MAY BE FOR HEADS OF DELEGATIONS ONLY).

1440 OPENING OF TRADE FAIR BY PRESIDENT NYERERE.

1830-2000 PRESIDENT COCKTAIL PARTY

2030-2300 PARTY FOR US DEL, HOSTED BY CHARGE' AND MRS. ALBERTI, AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENT. (THIS OF COURSE IS NOT A GOB FUNCTION, BUT IS INCLUDED HERE TO MAKE A COMPLETE PROGRAM FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.)

SEPTEMBER 30, THURSDAY

0730-1230 (APPROX). INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES, PRESIDED OVER BY PRESIDENT KHAMA AND INCLUDING SPEECH BY PRESIDENT MACHEL.

1500-1830 INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL MATCH (BOTSWANA VS. ZAMBIA)

1930 STATE BANQUET, WITH SPEECH BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU.

3. OFFICE OF PROTOCOL IS PLANNING TO PROVIDE EACH DELEGATION WITH A LIAISON OFFICER, WHO WILL PROVIDE INVITATIONS, INFORM DELS OF EXACT TIMING OF EVENTS, COORDINATE TRANSPORT, ETC. PARTS OF PROGRAM ARE OBVIOUSLY STILL IN FLUX, WHICH MEANS SCHEDULE GIVEN ABOVE MOST BE REGARDED AS TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO SOME FURTHER MODIFICATION. ABOVE SCHEDULE OF COURSE REFLECTS GOB'S HOPES AND WISHES; HOW MUCH FLEXIBILITY THERE IS IN ATTENDANCE AT SOME EVENTS (I.E. BMC VISIT, FOOTBALL MATCH) REMAINS TO BE SEEN. EMBASSY AWARE THAT THIS IS A FULL AND POTENTIALLY TIRING PROGRAM. PERHAPS IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY FOR ALL DESL TO REMAIN FULL TIME AT ALL EVENTS.

4. GOB WOULD ALSO HPE US DEL COULD BE AT AIRPORT FOR ARRIVALS OF HEADS OF STATE, DURING DATE SEPTEMBER 28. (REF B NOTED GOB REQUEST OUR DEL ARRIVE ON 27TH, TO LEAVE 28TH FREE). WE REALIZE THIS MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE, BUT SUGGEST SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION.

5. THE ONLY OTHER REQUEST WE WOULD HAVE CONCERNING ASST. SECY. SCHAUFELER'S ITINERARY AS PROPOSED IN REF (A), IS TO URGE THAT, IF POSSIBLE, HE POSTPONE HIS DEPARTURE UNTIL MORNING OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, OR AT LEAST UNTIL EARLY AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 30. TO DEPART AS SCHEDULED AT 1000 ON THE 30TH WOULD MEAN HE WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MISS IMPORTANT PART OF INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES (INCLUDING PARTICIPATION OF PRESIDENTS KHAMA AND MACHEL, AND PRESIDENT'S STATE DINNER THAT EVENING.

6. AT THIS TIME WE SEE NO OCCASION WHEN ASST. SECY. SCHAUFELER WOULD BE EXPECTED TO MAKE SPEECH, TOAST OR OTHER PUBLIC STATEMENT. WE OF COURSE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THE PRESS WILL NOT APPROACH HIM CONCERNING SECRETARY'S DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IN

SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN FACT, IT IS LIKELY THAT THIS WILL HAPPEN AT SOME POINT, AND HE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FIELD SUCH QUESTIONS. ASST. SECY. MAY WISH TO MAKE ARRIVAL STATEMENT OR MEET WITH MEDIA RESP DURING HIS STAY HERE. EMBASSY IS PREPARING BRIEF STATEMENT FOR ASST. SECY'S GENERAL USE, BUT MUST NEEDS AVOID SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON USG DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, LEAVING SUCH REMARKS FOR ASST. SECY. TO MAKE IN LIGHT OF HIS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS.

7. WE ANTICIPATE NO SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS. IN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTELCON:

A. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ADVISES US BLACK TIE IS NOT ESSENTIAL, BUT IS RECOMMENDED. WE CONCUR.

B. ALBERTI'S HOPE ASST. SECY. SCHAUFELLE WILL STAY WITH THEM AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. MRS. MARSH IS MOST WELCOME, AND WILL BE INVITED TO OFFICIALS PARTIES AND EVENTS. MARSHES WOULD HAVE CHOICE OF STAYING IN AMBASSADOR'S GUEST COTTAGE (TWO TWIN BEDS), IN ONE BEDROOM OF EMBASSY GUEST HOUSE (ONE DOUBLE BED), OR IN MASTER BEDROOM OF FORMER DCM RESIDENCE, NOW OCCUPIED BY HOOVERS (TWO TWIN BED). (HOOVER FROM CLEVELAND, WOULD ENJOY HOSTING FELL OHIOANS). ASSUME DTHAT MR. JORDAN WOULD TAKE ONE OF THE TWO ABOVE ALTERNATIVES REMAINING. PLEASE CHECK WITH DELS AND GIVE US THEIR PREFERENCES.

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